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Russia opposed to military intervention in Libya: Lavrov



MOSCOW, (AFP) - Russia is opposed to any form of military intervention in Libya, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said as the United States faces pressure to arm anti-Kadhafi rebels.

"We do not consider foreign and especially military intervention a means to resolve the crisis in Libya," Russian news

agencies quoted Lavrov as saying. "The Libyans must resolve their problems themselves."

The New York Times reported that US defence planners were preparing a range of land, sea and air military options in Libya in case Washington and its allies decide to intervene there.

The report came as Moamer Kadhafi's forces held off rebels near the strongman's home-

town and recaptured a key city.

Senior US senators John McCain and John Kerry have called on President Barack Obama to impose a no-fly zone over Libya to limit Kadhafi's ability to crack down on dissent.

Britain and France are drafting a UN resolution on a no-fly zone over Libya which could be put to the Security Council this week, a diplomat said.

The Security Council unanimously passed sanctions against the Kadhafi regime and ordered a crimes against humanity investigation on February 26. Any new move toward military action is likely to face tough resistance from China, Russia and others among the council's 15 members.

Russia expects its arms sales to Libya to drop by \$4 billion (2.9 billion euros) following the UN sanctions.

Lavrov has said that crimes against Libyan civilians should not go unpunished.

France's ex-president Chirac on trial for corruption

PARIS, France (AFP) - Jacques Chirac on became the first former French president to go on trial as a court heard charges that he embezzled public funds while he was mayor of Paris in the 1990s.

The 78-year-old, one of France's most popular political figures, did not attend the start of the trial that will examine whether he misused public money to pay people working for his party ahead of a successful election bid.

Presiding judge Dominique Pauthe adjourned the hearing after a few hours, saying it would resume when he would rule on a constitutional challenge in the case, which if successful could delay the trial by several months.

Chirac, who was Paris mayor from 1977 to 1995, enjoyed immunity from prosecution as president from 1995 to 2007, but the case, which has already seen current Foreign Minister Alain Juppe convicted, has finally caught up with him.

The judge read out the charges, including embezzlement and breach of trust, to a packed court in central Paris. Proceedings were held up for several minutes as lawyers and civil plaintiffs squabbled over seats.

The judge later ordered police to throw two civil plaintiffs out of the court for wasting his time by standing up to make rambling accusations that he said were not relevant to the case.

A 20-year-old Mexican woman who gained world-wide attention when she took over as police chief last year in a town plagued by drug-related violence has been sacked for abandoning her post. Marisol Valles Garcia was hailed as Mexico's bravest woman in October when she became head of public security in the border town of Praxedis G Guerrero.



Last week she was reported to have fled to the US after getting death threats.

Local officials said Ms Valles had asked for time off work to care for her sick baby, but had not returned on Monday as expected.

The mayor of Praxedis said attempts to contact her had been unsuccessful, and he would take over direct control of the police force.

Local human rights activists said that Ms Valles and her family had fled to the US after receiving threats.



TOKYO, Japan : Japanese Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara announces his resignation at his office in Tokyo on week-end. Maehara -- who had been seen as a likely successor to embattled Prime Minister Naoto Kan -- said he would step down after admitting he received several hundred dollars from a restaurant owner of Korean ethnicity.

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*International Women's Day -
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LONDON, England -- March 8 sees the highest level of global Women's activity ever witnessed as groups celebrate the International Women's Day centenary.

The first International Women's Day events were run in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland in 1911 and attended by over one million people. 100 years on, International Women's Day (IWD) has become a global mainstream phenomena celebrated across many countries and is an official holiday in approximately 25 countries including Afghanistan, Russia, the Ukraine, Vietnam and Zambia.

March 8 sees extensive global Women's activity. Performer and social activist, Annie Lennox, will lead a mass march across London's Millennium Bridge for charity. In Washington D.C. over a thousand people will descend on Capitol Hill demanding a better world for millions of marginalized women and girls around the globe. A major international business Women's conference will be hosted in Sydney, Australia. Schools and governments around the world are participating in the day. Trade Unions and charities are campaigning. Global corporations are hosting conferences and distributing extensive resource packs. The United Nations Secretary-General delivers a formal message. The United States even designates the whole month of March as Women's History Month as officially proclaimed by President Obama on February 28, 2011.

International Women's Day is a global celebration of the economic, political, and social achievements of women past, present, and future. However, activity has not always been on the increase. Australian entrepreneur and women's campaigner Glenda Stone, who

founded the www.internationalwomensday.com website, a global hub of events and information, said:

"A decade ago International Women's Day was disappearing. Activity in Europe, where International Women's Day actually began, was very low. Providing a global online platform helped sustain and accelerate momentum for this important day. Holding only a handful of events ten years ago, the United Kingdom has now become the global leader for International Women's Day activity, followed sharply by Canada, United States and Australia. 2011 will see thousands of events globally for the first time."

More recently, social networking websites like Twitter, Facebook and Youtube have also helped fuel International Women's Day activity. Generally the day has moved away from its socialist Suffragette beginnings to become more mainstream in celebrating women's achievements. Women's rights campaigners, however, continue to remind that vigilance rather than complacency is essential in striving for women's equality.

Aruban Son, Dr. John Kennedy visits Minister of Public Health

Last week, Minister of Public Health, Dr. Richard Visser, received a visit from Dr. John Kennedy. Dr. John Kennedy is the son of longtime and well known Dermatologist, Dr. Kennedy who is now retired. John Kennedy is an Aruban son who attended the Colegio Arubano. After graduation from Colegio Arubano he went to the US for further studies where he spent almost 8 years studying for Chiropractor in Atlanta, Georgia. He has been practicing as a professional Chiropractor in Alabama for the past 15 years. Kennedy expressed an interest in beginning a part time Chiropractic practice in Aruba.

Minister Visser also followed the same study in Chiropractics, which is a recognized profession in the USA but not recognized within the scope of Aruba's laws. Visser pointed out to Dr. John Kennedy that there are about 6 other Arubans who have also

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studied this discipline but who cannot work in Aruba because of the lack of recognition here. He assured his guest that the government is attentive of the situation and that they are exploring the possibility for allowing patients the option to also choose chiropractic treatment in Aruba.

In addition to being a Chiropractic specialist, John Kennedy is also a Brazilian



Martial Arts "Jui Jitsu" instructor. He has also achieved the Black belt status in Judo and Karate. Kennedy is a 7 year consecutive world champion of Jui Jitsu and has won the US Nationals and Panam Championship. In addition to his athletic popularity in the martial arts, he is actively involved in using his Chiropractic expertise in helping young athletes competing in UFC and Mixed

Martial Arts.

Dr. John Kennedy is in Aruba these days to enjoy Aruba's Carnival and to visit his family. He has one sister who lives in the US and a brother who is a Dermatologist like his retired father; and he practices in the Netherlands. Minister Visser was delighted with the visit of his Chiropractic colleague and wished him much success in his future work.

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Those that have not quite had their fill of Carnival 57 have one last opportunity to join in the revels this evening in Oranjestad beginning at 8:00 p.m with the march to the Burning of Momo at midnight, signally the official end of Carnival 2011. The spectacular final events that ended the months of music and madness that take hold of Aruba during the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday took place this past weekend beginning at 4:00 a.m on Saturday with the commencement of Jouvert Morning in San Nicolas, which segued into their Grande Parade.

The weekend finished with the Oranjestad Grand Parade when the 13 groups dancing through the streets pulled out all the stops for luxurious costumes, floats and road and body pieces. A sumptuous float carrying Aruba's Youth and Adult Queens, Sue-Gin Arends and Levi Thode, led the cavalcade of fabulous costumes, with sequins and lame glittering in the tropical sun. 13 groups participated in both parades, hoping to garner the coveted trophies awarded in several categories.

San Nicolas winners included: Most Creative Group: Royal Carnival; Most Luxurious 1st Place: Majestic, 2nd: Champagne and 3rd: OPC. OPC also won first place for Most Luxurious Road Piece, worn by their founder and this year's Road March and Calypso King: Claudius Phillips. TOB's "Goddess Calypso" won Most Luxurious Float and that of Champagne Group, "Venetian Mask" was the Champion Float. The award event for Carnival 57 will take place on Saturday, March 12 in Fort Zoutman.

Oranjestad winners: Group of the Year: Royal Carnival Group, King of Band. George Mitchel - Attitude - Majestic Carnival Group, Queen of Band Zianzian Goeloe - Dream of Calypso; Most Luxurious Float: Goddess Calypso - T.O.B.; biggest and most luxurious group: Champagne Carnival Group; Champion Float: Venetian Mask - Champagne; Most Animated Group: T.O.B.; Band of the Year: OREO; Road Jam: Wood Wood - Le Groove.





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Spill no reason to halt deep sea drilling: BP

MALMOE, Sweden (AFP) — Last year's massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill sparked by an explosion on a BP-leased platform is no reason to stop deep sea drilling, the group's chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg said Monday.

"If we truly learn from this accident, I see no reason to close off the deep water as an area for future oil exploration and production," BP chairman Svanberg told a conference in the southern Swedish

city of Malmoe on oil spill risk management.

"All energy extraction has its risks and it is our task and our contract with society to make sure that we can take these risks responsibly," he said, stressing that demand for energy was set to grow over the next decade.

Svanberg, a Swede, took over as chairman of the British oil giant on January 1, 2010.

On April 20, an explosion

on the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon Gulf of Mexico platform exploded, killing 11 workers and causing some 4.9 million barrels of oil to gush into the Gulf over a three-month period, wreaking havoc on the region's environment and economy.

The spill, the largest ever manmade environmental disaster in the United States, "is an accident that should never have happened," Svanberg said.



Japan's new bullet train "Hayabusa" or Falcon runs through Saitama city, suburban Tokyo. The thin and long nosed Hayabusa will made its 300 kilometre per hour (186 mph) debut between Tokyo and Aomori, northern Japan, boasting a luxury carriage modelled on airline business class. AFP PHOTO

NASA scientist claim of 'alien life' draws scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A NASA scientist's claim that he found tiny fossils of alien life in the remnants of a meteorite has stirred both excitement and skepticism, and is being closely reviewed by 100 experts.

Richard Hoover's paper, along with pictures of the microscopic earthworm-like creatures, were published late Friday in the peer-reviewed Journal of Cosmology, which is available free online.

Hoover sliced open fragments of several types of carbonaceous chondrite meteorites, which can contain relatively high levels of water and organic materials, and looked inside with a powerful microscope.

He found bacteria-like creatures that he calls "indigenous fossils," which he believes originated beyond Earth and were not introduced here after the meteorites landed.

"He concludes these fossilized bacteria are not Earthly contaminants but are the fossilized remains of liv-

ing organisms which lived in the parent bodies of these meteors, e.g. comets, moons, and other astral bodies," said the study.

"The implications are that life is everywhere, and that life on Earth may have come from other planets."

Studies that suggest alien microbes can be contained in meteorites are not new, and have drawn hefty debate over how such life could survive in space and how and where life may have originated in the universe.

The journal's editor in chief, Rudy Schild of the Center for Astrophysics, Harvard-Smithsonian, said Hoover is a "highly respected scientist and astrobiologist with a prestigious record of accomplishment at NASA."

"Given the controversial nature of his discovery, we have invited 100 experts and have issued a general invitation to over 5,000 scientists from the scientific community to review the paper and to offer their critical analysis," he said.



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Japan suspends two vaccines after infant deaths

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) — Japan's health ministry has suspended two widely-used vaccines made by drugs giants Pfizer and Sanofi-Aventis as it investigates whether they are linked to the recent deaths of four infants.

The infants, aged from around six months to under two years old, died over a three-day period this month after receiving the vaccinations or in combination with other drugs, the health ministry said in a statement.

The two drugs -- used to prevent forms of pneumonia and meningitis -- are Prevenar made by New York-based Pfizer and ActHIB, a drug made by the Sanofi Pasteur wing of Paris-headquartered Sanofi-Aventis.

Sanofi's ActHIB is used in over 120 countries, according to the company.

The two vaccines have been administered to an estimated 1.5 million children in Japan, the ministry said.

There have been no reports so far from the doctors who treated the children that establish a causal relationship between the vaccines and their deaths, according to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

In Japan the precautionary suspension remain until at least pending the results of an investigation by a group of medical experts.

The ministry reported that three infants under the age of two died within three days of receiving the two vaccine shots, with two of the children also receiving DPT shots for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

In a statement Pfizer said it was fully cooperating with the ministry's suspension and was in the process of gathering information.

The suspension follows the deaths of two infants in southwest France in late February who had been administered Prevenar.

Health authorities said the deaths were not linked to the drug.

In addition to the four cases, Japan's health ministry said another infant also died in November after receiving his second shot of the ActHIB vaccine, a ministry official said.

India's top court allows 'passive euthanasia'

NEW DELHI, India (AFP) — India's Supreme Court ruled that life support can be legally removed for some terminally ill patients in a ruling that will allow "passive euthanasia" for the first time.

The judgement came during a hearing into the case of former nurse Aruna Shanbaug, who has been in a vegetative state in a Mumbai hospital

since being raped and strangled with a chain while at work 37 years ago.

A plea by journalist and friend Pinki Virani to stop her being force-fed was rejected by India's top court on the grounds that Virani was unable to make the demand on Shanbaug's behalf.

But doctors and nurses could petition to withdraw life

support, provided the request was supervised by the courts, a two-judge bench in the Supreme Court ruled in a highly complex judgement.

"Active euthanasia is illegal. Passive euthanasia is permissible, but it should be done under the supervision of the High Court," it said.

Virani filed the case in the Supreme Court in 1999 asking

for Shanbaug to be allowed to die with dignity.

"Death in certain conditions can be allowed, only if life support, nutrition or water is removed," Shubhangi Tulli, Virani's lawyer, explained to reporters outside the court after the ruling.

"It is for doctors to decide whether passive euthanasia can be allowed."

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opened the gate, waited a while and saw Sinbad saunter in. That was what he clearly wanted, but nevertheless, he got frightened when he saw so many colleagues. So the volunteers decided to catch him and put him in 'solitary confinement' to quiet him down. Easier said than done, but they succeeded. Once there Sinbad got accustomed to the sanctuary life; he also got castrated.

Sinbad is easy to recognize by his whitish color and short tail. When it is feeding time, there is no doubt at all who is Sinbad: instead of standing in the front line for his food, he is always standing right in the middle of his dinner!

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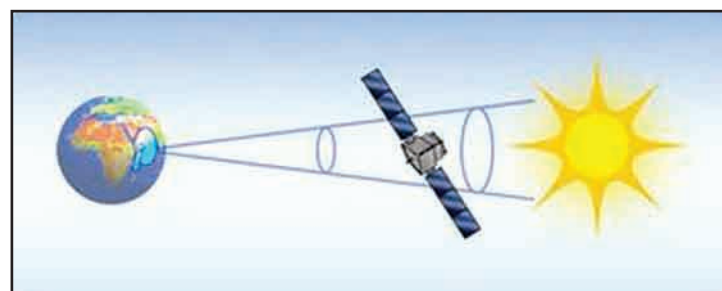
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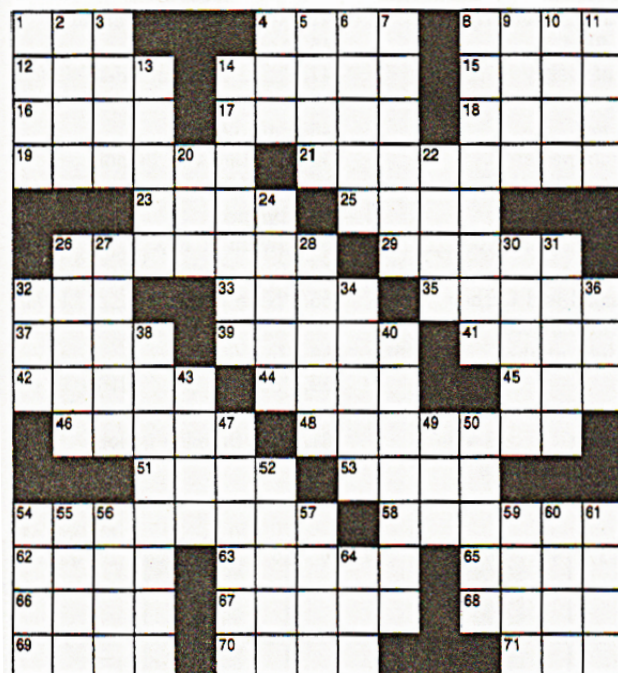
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Spill no reason to halt deep sea drilling: BP

MALMOE, Sweden (AFP) – Last year's massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill sparked by an explosion on a BP-leased platform is no reason to stop deep sea drilling, the group's chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg said. "If we truly learn from this accident, I see no reason to close off the deep water as an area for future oil exploration and production," Svanberg told a conference in the southern Swedish city of Malmoe on oil spill risk management. "All energy extraction has its risks and it is our task and our contract with society to make sure that we can take these risks responsibly," he said.

Following the spill, the largest ever manmade environmental disaster in the United States, Washington imposed a moratorium on deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, which it lifted in October.

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Asia to be biggest aircraft market by 2029: Airbus

HONG KONG (AFP) – Asia will emerge as the world's biggest aircraft market by 2029, accounting for a third of worldwide plane deliveries as the middle class drives demand, Airbus has said.

The European plane maker also said it was experiencing surging Chinese demand for corporate jets and that sales to Chinese buyers could approach levels in the Middle East. Worldwide, air traffic is set to double over the next 15 years, with the Asia-Pacific region set to overtake North America and Europe as the largest air transport market, taking delivery of about 8,560 new planes worth \$1.2 trillion by 2029, Airbus said. That figure will represent about 33 percent of world deliveries, up from the region's 26 percent share between 1990 and 2009, Airbus said as it released its Asia-Pacific Market Forecast.



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European stocks mixed, euro climbs:

LONDON (AFP) – The euro rose but European stocks were mixed as dealers brushed aside a credit downgrade for Greece and mulled the outlook for the US economy as oil prices struck 2.5-year highs.

The single currency rose to \$1.4027 in morning London trade from \$1.3979 in New York late Friday as the euro continued to win support from the prospect of a rise in eurozone interest rates. On the stock markets, London's FTSE 100 gained 0.36 percent to 6,011.80 points while Frankfurt's DAX 30 fell 0.15 percent to 7,168.36 points and in Paris the CAC 40 dropped 0.28 percent to 4,009.09 points. Elsewhere, gold rose to a fresh record \$1,442 an ounce as the precious metal won support from its status as a safe haven investment. It also benefited from a weaker dollar, which fell to 82.07 yen from 82.26 yen on Friday.

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Oil price spikes to 2.5 year-high on Libya unrest

LONDON, England (AFP) – World oil prices shot higher striking 2.5-year highs on the turmoil in Libya and the Middle East, analysts said.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in April, hit \$106.95 a barrel -- the highest level since September 2008.

It later stood at \$105.67, up \$1.25 compared with Friday's close.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for April rose 88 cents to \$116.85.

"The unrest in Libya has pushed the price of oil up to a 2.5-year high," Commerzbank analysts said in a research note.

"We believe a swift return to 'normality' is unlikely and have therefore raised our oil price forecast for the second quarter to \$120 a barrel. Only when the supply risks ease should the price of oil drop below the \$100 a barrel mark again."

"Oil prices continue to be on



the uptrend primarily due to the deepening conflict in Libya and concerns about the protests spreading to other parts of the Middle East's oil-producing region," said Victor Shum at international energy consultants Purvin and Gertz.

"Concerns over oil supply disruptions in the Middle East and North Africa continue to drive oil prices," the Singapore-based energy expert told AFP.

Libya is the fourth biggest oil exporter in Africa after Nigeria, Algeria and Angola,

producing around 1.8 million barrels a day, with reserves of 42 billion barrels.

But Libya's violent upheaval will not lead to a shortage of oil on the global market because its production can be made up for in other countries, a senior executive at Repsol, Spain's largest oil group, said.

"The world consumes 86 million barrels of oil per day and Libya contributes about two million barrels per day," Repsol's director general of upstream activities, Nemesio Fernandez-Cuesta, said in an interview published in the business daily Cinco Dias.

"But the amount of remaining global capacity is around four million barrels, mostly in Saudi Arabia. Therefore, supposing that all the Libyan production did not go to the market, that production could be replaced. "There should not be a problem of shortage," he added.

LVMH takes control of Italy's Bulgari



PARIS, France (AFP) – LVMH, the world's leading luxury retailer, it will take control of Italian top-end jeweller Bulgari in a deal worth nearly two billion euros that will strengthen its watches division.

The deal failed to convince investors that it will be highly beneficial to LVMH, with the share initially sliding on the announcement, while Bulgari's shares shot up nearly 60 percent.

The accord reached with the controlling Bulgari family for the company, founded in 1884, will see LVMH issue 16.5 million shares to them for their 51 percent holding in a deal valued at 1.84 billion euros (\$3.4 billion).

LVMH will also offer other Bulgari shareholders 12.25 euros a share, a 63 percent premium to Friday's closing price, with this part of the deal potentially worth another 1.79 billion euros if all the outstanding shares are acquired.

In turn, Bulgari will become the second largest family shareholder in the LVMH group, taking two seats on the board.

A Bulgari statement said that the company found in LVMH and its French multi-billionaire owner Bernard Arnault everything it felt it needed to guarantee its future.

Arnault called the deal an "ideal arrangement at every level."

In early Paris trade, LVMH shares were down 1.70 euros in a slightly weaker overall market but by midday had recovered and were trading unchanged at 11.00 euros.

In Milan, Bulgari stock soared nearly 60 percent in reaction to the news.

Bulgari shares were up 58.50 percent at 12.03 euros at around 0845 GMT while the overall Milan market was down 0.53 percent.

LVMH, which counts among its brands Givenchy, Dior and Guerlain perfumes alongside Moet and Chandon and Dom Perignon champagnes, is one of the most successful luxury retailers in the world.

Bulgari ranks number three in the world in jewelry behind Cartier and Tiffany.

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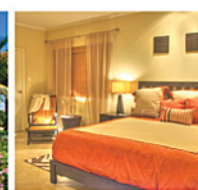
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Che's "Motorcycle Diaries" companion dies in Cuba



Alberto Granado

HAVANA, Cuba – Alberto Granado, who accompanied fellow Argentine Ernesto "Che" Guevara on a trip immortalized in the film "The Motorcycle Diaries," died in Cuba on Saturday at the age of 88, Cuba's state-run media reported.

The report said his ashes would be spread in Argentina, Cuba and Venezuela.

The famous trip across South America, begun in late 1951 on Granado's old British motorcycle, supposedly awakened in Guevara a sympathy for the poor and desire for social justice that turned him into a leftist revolutionary.

He was one of the leaders of Cuba's revolution that put Fidel Castro in power in 1959 and was in the Cuban government for several years until leaving to fight, less successfully, in other uprisings.

He died in Bolivia in 1967 while trying to start a rebel force there.

"The Motorcycle Diaries" was based on Guevara's diary of the trip and on Granado's book "Traveling with Che Guevara: The Making of a Revolutionary." The 2004 film was directed by Brazilian Walter Salles.

At the invitation of his friend, Granado, who was a biochemist, came to Cuba in 1961 and stayed



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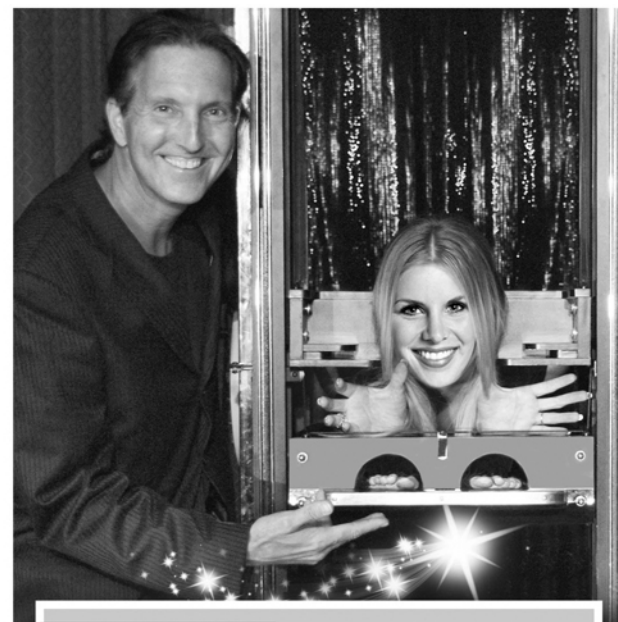
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RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil : Model Giselle Bundchen of Brazil perform atop a float of the Vila Isabel samba school during the first night of Carnival parades at the Sambadrome in Rio de Janeiro yesterday. Rio's two nights of famously extravagant Carnival parades began late on March 6 in a burst of fireworks and to the cheers of festival goers who have been partying on the streets for days. The processions, featuring near-naked dancing queens, spectacularly imaginative floats and thousands of extras, were held before a stadium crowd of 70,000 and an international broadcast audience. (AFP PHOTO)

Mexico documentary plays on despite judge's order

MEXICO CITY (AFP) — A highly-popular documentary exposing serious flaws in Mexico's justice system was still playing in Mexican theaters despite a judge's order to suspend the screenings last week.

"For the moment, we haven't received a legal or administrative order to stop us showing 'Presumed Guilty,'" distributor Cinopolis said in a statement.

More than 500,000 people have already seen "Presumed Guilty" since its Mexican release on February 18, making it the most successful Mexican documentary of all time.

But the film's main witness -- the cousin of a murder victim who later changed his story -- last week said he had not given permission to be filmed and argued that the Mexican screenings had affected his private life.

A judge's order to suspend the film provoked an uproar across the political spectrum.

McQueen protege to design royal wedding dress: report



Sarah Burton named as Alexander McQueen's successor

LONDON, England (AFP) — Kate Middleton's wedding dress for her marriage to Prince William will be designed by Sarah Burton of the Alexander McQueen fashion house, the Sunday Times claims.

The British designer, who took over as creative director at the prestigious house after McQueen's suicide last year, was selected by Middleton to help her develop her own style, the newspaper said on Sunday.

Burton, 36, denied she had been handed the "most coveted commission" in fashion but

tradition dictates that royal bridal-gown designers are bound to secrecy by the royal family's office at Buckingham Palace.

A fashion source told the paper the dress would be a "combination of Middleton's own design ideas and Burton's deep knowledge and understanding of high fashion."

According to the report, Jonathan Akeroyd, the fashion company's chief executive, told a work colleague they had landed the commission, but later denied it.

"I am the CEO. I would know if we were doing it," he added.

Buckingham Palace refused to confirm or deny the rumours, adding that it would not reveal the identity of the designer before the wedding on April 29.

Burton worked with McQueen, the enfant-terrible of British fashion, for 14 years before his suicide.

She grew up in the northern English city of Manchester before moving to London to study fashion at Central St Martins College from which she graduated in 1997.

Canadian paceman Osinde rocks Kenya



Henry Osinde of Canada bowls during the ICC Cricket World Cup group A match between Canada and Kenya at Feroz Shah Kotla stadium in Delhi, India

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Fast bowler Henry Osinde grabbed a career-best 4-26 as Canada bowled out Kenya for 198 despite a fightback by Tanmay Mishra and Thomas Odoyo in their World Cup clash on Monday.

The paceman, 32, picked up three wickets in his opening spell to rock the Kenyans, who won the toss and elected to bat in the day-night clash at the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in New Delhi.

Mishra hit a composed 73-ball 51 for his fourth half-

century in one-day internationals and Odoyo also chipped in with 51 to lift Kenya, who were tottering at 57-5 at one stage.

Mishra said the wicket was tough to bat on, adding Kenya's score is "very much defendable on this wicket. It keeps low. There's some turn. If we can get a couple of early wickets we're in the game."

Neither team have a realistic chance of qualifying for the quarter-finals but both want to notch their first win

of the tournament.

Osinde struck early for Canada, removing opener Morris Ouma off the second ball of the innings and his partner Seren Waters in the fifth over.

Ouma offered a thick outside edge which was pouched by Harvir Baidwan (2-41) at second slip and Waters lost his off-stump.

Osinde sent back David Obuya to grab his third wicket and reduce Kenya to 21-3 before Baidwan brought an end to a promising knock by Collins Obuya.

Collins Obuya (31) had started confidently, hitting a four and a huge six off left-arm spinner Parth Desai, playing his first match of the tournament.

But he perished as he tried to play one shot too many and was bowled.

Veteran Steve Tikolo (12) was adjudged leg before wicket although a review of the decision suggested a possible inside edge.

Kenyan skipper Jimmy Kamande sought to rebuild the innings with Mishra, putting on 52 runs for the sixth wicket but portly leg-spinner Balaji Rao had him caught behind the stumps for 22.

Mishra's dogged fightback came to an end when he holed out tamely to Zubin Surkari off part-timer John Davison in the 43rd over.



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Kirsten hails India pressure show

BANGALORE (AFP) - India coach Gary Kirsten believes India passed a crucial World Cup test by batting second and claiming a five-wicket win over Ireland.

India had batted first in their first two games, racking up 370 and 338 against Bangladesh and England before skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni opted to field against Ireland.

"It was important that we chased and got used to batting second and getting to understand what to do in different situations," said Kirsten, whose team sit on top of Group B.

"Two points is everything and we will face different challenges in different games, we don't want to have easy games all the way through."

India next face rock-bottom Netherlands in New Delhi on Wednesday where Yuvraj Singh will be looking for a repeat of his all-round success against Ireland.

Yuvraj became the first player to take five wickets and hit 50 runs in the same World Cup match.

"Yuvraj did well all round," added Kirsten. "He has been working hard on his cricket and wants to contribute with bat and ball. I am pleased with the way he went about his batting."



Van Gaal, high-flying Dutchman, falls from grace

BERLIN (AFP) - By his own admission "arrogant and dominant", Louis van Gaal put several noses out of joint at Bayern Munich in his two years as coach, but he also put a fair bit of silverware in the trophy cabinet.

Combative and prickly with players and journalists alike, the 59-year-old Dutchman finally fell out of favour with Bayern's bosses only one year after taking them to a German league and cup double and a Champions League final.

Germany's most successful club announced Monday he would continue at Bayern until the end of the season but would then be replaced, one year before his contract was due to expire.

Following successful spells at Barcelona and Ajax Amsterdam, Van Gaal was recruited from Dutch side AZ Alkmaar in 2009 after Bayern dumped Germany legend



Jurgen Klinsmann following a string of poor results.

Apparently aware in advance of Van Gaal's fearsome reputation, Bayern chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said on signing him: "If we had wanted someone who is everyone's darling, we would have signed George Clooney."

And Van Gaal did not disappoint.

Having famously declared: "I am the best" after winning the Dutch league, he

described himself on arrival in Munich as "confident, arrogant, dominant and honest, a workaholic, innovative, but also warm and family-friendly".

After a slow start, van Gaal took the German giants to a 22nd league title, their 15th Cup and a Champions League final in which they lost 2-0 to a Jose Mourinho-inspired Inter Milan.

The Champions League quarter-final home win against Manchester United will go down in Bayern folklore, an injury-time goal giving them a 2-1 win and revenge for the 1999 final when a last gasp United winner cost Bayern dear.

But the 2010-2011 season was less prolific and speculation over Van Gaal's future hit fever-pitch after Bayern lost three games in a row, the first time that had happened in more than 10 years.

Dumped out of the cup at

the semi-final stage by Schalke, back-to-back Bundesliga defeats, including a 3-1 shocker at Hanover, seemed to be the last straw for a club that has come to expect success.

During his time at the Munich club, Van Gaal managed to fall out with almost everyone, famously describing some of his players as "cissies" and walking out of several interviews after berating journalists for "stupid questions".

Even before Bayern had decided to cut his tenure, a year before his contract ran out, Van Gaal had indicated he would only sign one more contract after 2012, either with the German side or as a national coach.

"I'm not working for the money any more. I am just doing it for fun," he said.

"I have a very nice life. A lovely wife, two beautiful children -- and I have won a lot of titles."

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"Super Horse" set for 2012 birth



Rachel Alexandra

LEXINGTON (AFP) - Jess Jackson's "super horse" is a reality now that Rachel Alexandra, the 2009 Horse of the Year, is in foal after being mated two weeks ago with 2007 and 2008 Horse of the Year Curlin.

Jackson had dreamed of the offspring from the two formidable race horses long before he purchased Rachel Alexandra after her 2009 Kentucky Oaks victory and his Stonestreet Farms announced the pregnancy on Monday.

The due date for Rachel Alexandra to give birth to what Jackson dubbed the "super horse" is next February 1, which means the horse would be three years old, and thus eligible for the American Triple Crown series, in 2015.

Rachel Alexandra was the first filly in more than 80

years to win the Preakness in 2009, taking the second leg of the Triple Crown during an eight-race unbeaten streak.

Curlin and Rachel Alexandra were introduced on February 21 in a breeding shed at Lane's End Farm near Versailles, Kentucky.

Curlin, the all-time US prize money leader with more than \$10.5 million in earnings, won the 2007 Preakness and retired after finishing fourth in the 2008 Breeders' Cup Classic, his only career finish outside the top three.

Europe's similar dream pairing took place last year when unbeaten 2008 Arc de Triomphe heroine Zarkava was successfully mated with the 2009 Arc winner and Epsom Derby victor Sea The Stars.

Pele warns money is a 'danger' to game

HONG KONG (AFP) - Brazilian football legend Pele warned Monday that soaring players' salaries and powerful agents who squeeze clubs for higher fees represent a "danger for the future" of the game.

Speaking to reporters in Hong Kong, the three-time World Cup winner bemoaned the number of players pocketing big salaries only to "disappear" after a short career.

"Players should never forget to play for the love of the game and team... players love whoever pays a little bit more, that's the danger for football," he said, mock-kissing a badge on his blazer to illustrate his point.

"Sometimes I tease them (players) and say 'you get in one year what I would have to play 10 years to get'."

Decrying the role of agents in the modern game, the 70-year-old said: "They do not care if the player is good or not. They want to sell the player and get the money. That's the danger for the fu-

ture of football."

Pele, considered by many to be the greatest footballer ever, also raised concerns over the potential impact of goal-line technology currently under discussion at FIFA.

"We need a little bit more time, football is not Formula One or tennis."

"It is about quick movement... you cannot stop a counter-attack to see if it was a goal," he said, stating his preference for an extra referee behind each goal to resolve disputes over penalties and balls crossing the line.

Pele does want one rule revised, to force players who foul around the penalty area to stand in a one-man wall in front of the ensuing free-kick.

Citing his famous mazy runs through the opposition as an example of the need for a rule change, the Brazilian said: "The last defender would make a foul on me... they put all nine players who I pass in the wall against me."

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Van Persie in squad to face Barca

LONDON (AFP) - Injury doubt Robin van Persie has been added to Arsenal's squad for the second leg of their Champions League last-16 clash in Barcelona on Tuesday night.

Van Persie had been expected to miss the tie after injuring his knee during Arsenal's League Cup final defeat against Birmingham on February 27.

But his inclusion was another boost to manager Arsene Wenger who earlier said captain Cesc Fabregas was "90 percent likely" to be fit.

The pair had fitness tests on Monday ahead of the Nou Camp meeting in which Arsenal will hope to defend a 2-

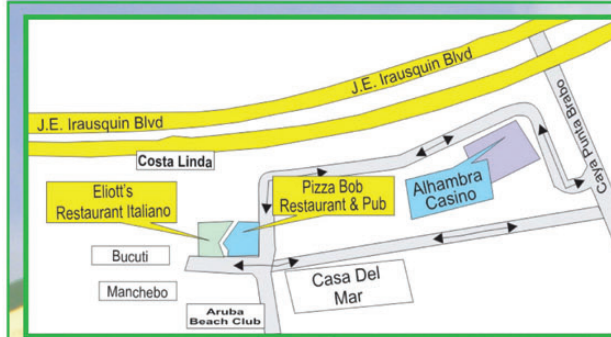
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"Fabregas will have a final test today (Monday)," said Wenger.

"It is 90 percent he will travel and be fit. It is vital for us because he is important in the transition between attacking and defending. He is also the leader of the team so we want him there."

Midfielder Alex Song, who started the first leg, has been ruled out with a knee injury but Jack Wilshere has recovered from slight ankle discomfort.

"Alex Song is completely out. He had a test on Sunday morning and it was negative," said Wenger. "Wilshere will be fit."



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FIFA lift Fernandez suspension: Israeli federation

JERUSALEM (AFP) - FIFA have officially lifted all restrictions against Israel national coach Luis Fernandez who was suspended from all football activity by them last month, the Israeli football federation announced on Monday.

FIFA said at the time it was because of an outstand-

ing judgement made against the 51-year-old Spanish-born former French international in 2009 relating to Qatari team Al-Rayyan he had coached in 2005.

Fernandez has not had much success since taking over the Israeli national team last March, racking up just one win in European qualify-

ing, over Malta.

Fernandez, who played 60 times for France and was a member of the side that won the 1984 European Championship title, coached Paris Saint Germain to the 1996 Cup Winners Cup, and was also in charge of Spanish sides Athletic Bilbao and Espanyol.



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